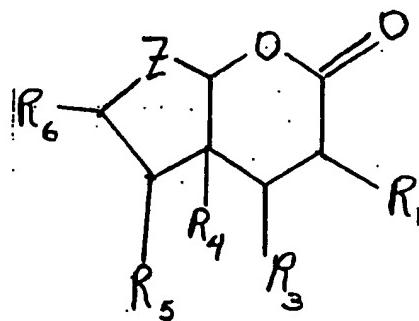


IN THE CLAIMS:

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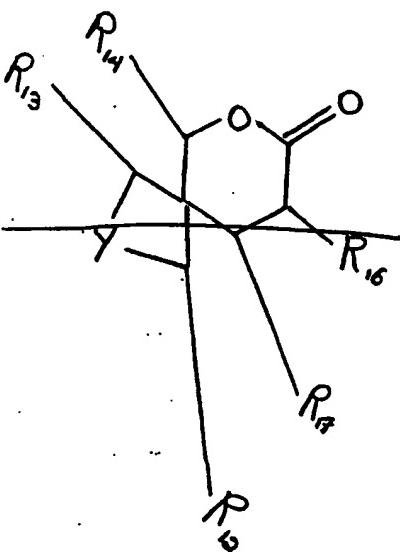
(currently amended) A process for augmenting, enhancing or imparting an aroma in or to a consumable material selected from the group consisting of perfume compositions, perfumed articles, colognes and perfume polymers, comprising the step of intimately admixing with a consumable material base an aroma augmenting, enhancing or imparting quantity and concentration of bicyclic lactone having ~~a structure selected from the group consisting of:~~ <sup>the following</sup>

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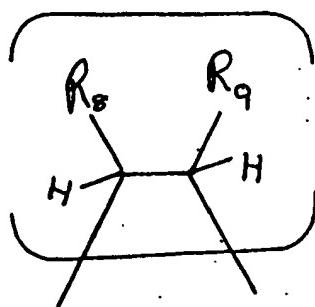
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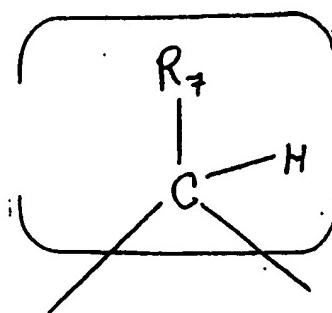


wherein Z is a moiety selected from the group consisting of:

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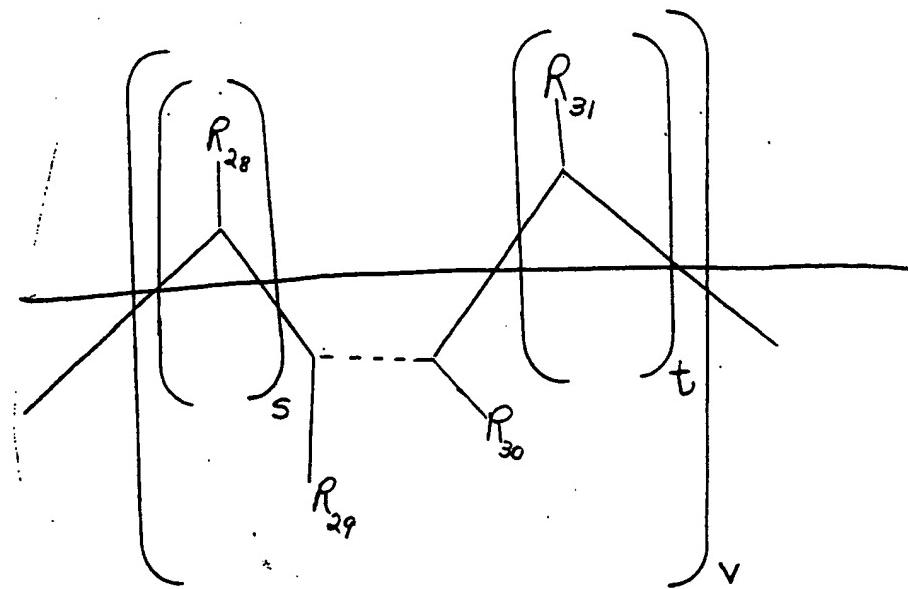


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and wherein one of R<sub>1</sub> or R<sub>3</sub> is methyl and the other is hydrogen; wherein R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> are hydrogen or nonadjacent C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl; ~~wherein Y is C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> substituted or unsubstituted alkylideny, alkenylideny or alkadienylideny having the structure:~~

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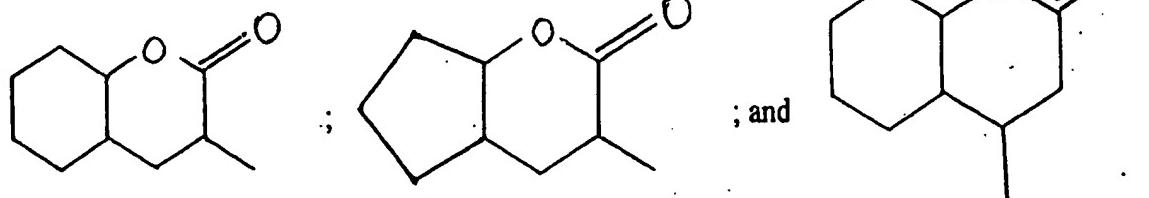
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15 and completes a  $C_5-C_{15}$  cycloalkyl, cycloalkadienyl or cycloalkenyl ring moiety, wherein  
~~R<sub>12</sub>, R<sub>13</sub>, R<sub>14</sub>, R<sub>15</sub>, R<sub>17</sub>, R<sub>28</sub>, R<sub>29</sub>, R<sub>30</sub> and R<sub>31</sub>~~ each represents hydrogen or  $C_1-C_3$   
~~nonadjacent alkyl~~; wherein the dashed line represents a carbon carbon single bond or a  
~~carbon carbon double bond~~; wherein s is an integer of from 0 up to 10; t is an integer of  
~~from 0 up to 10~~; wherein the sum of s and t is an integer of from 0 up to 10 defined  
20 according to the inequalities:  $0 \leq s + t \leq 10$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq 10$ , and  $0 \leq t \leq 10$ , and  
~~wherein v 1 or 2.~~

**Claim 2.**  
~~(previously presented)~~ The process of Claim 1 wherein the bicyclic lactone has a structure selected  
from the group consisting of:

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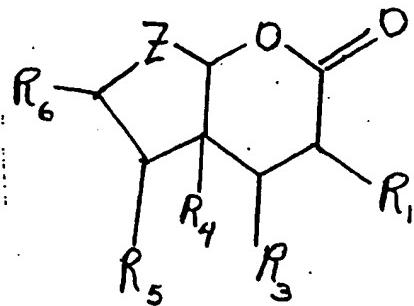
Claim 3. (canceled)

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Claim 4.

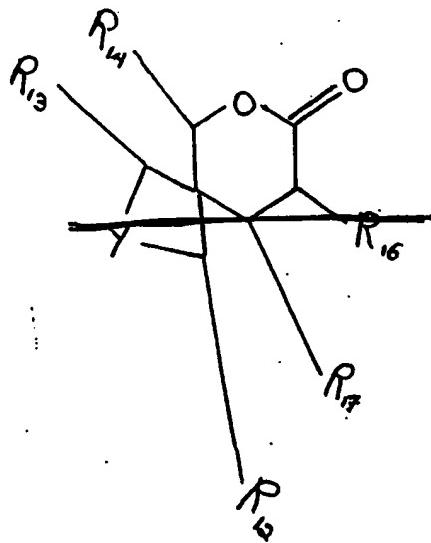
(currently amended) A perfumed article comprising a perfumed article base and an aroma augmenting, enhancing or imparting quantity and concentration of a bicyclic lactone having the following structure selected from the group consisting of:

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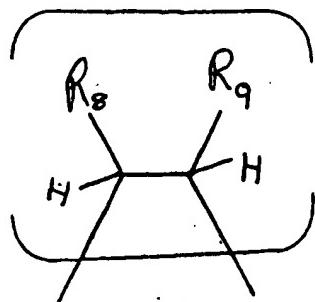
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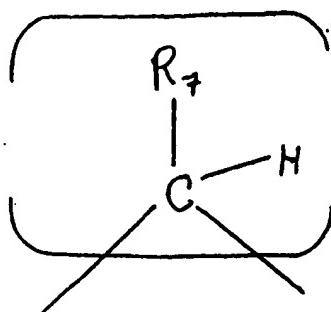


wherein  $Z$  is a moiety selected from the group consisting of:

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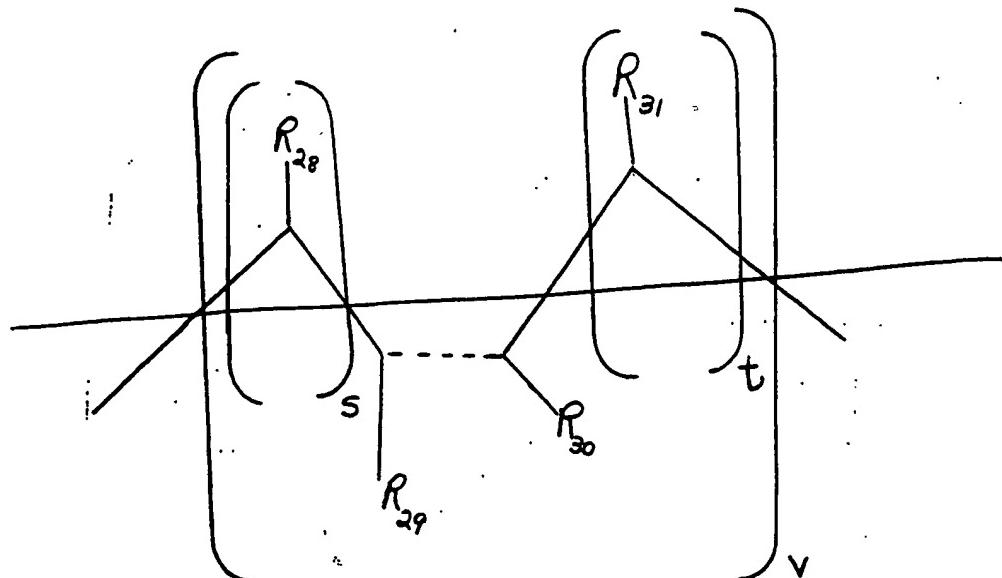


and wherein one of  $R_1$  or  $R_3$  is methyl and the other is hydrogen; wherein  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$ ,  $R_8$  and  $R_9$  are hydrogen or nonadjacent  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl; wherein  $Y$  is  $C_2$ - $C_{12}$  substituted or unsubstituted alkylideny, alkenylideny or alkadienylideny having the structure:

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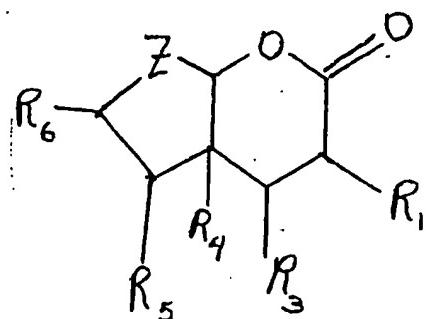
and completes a  $C_3$ - $C_{12}$  cycloalkyl, cycloalkadienyl or cycloalkenyl ring moiety; wherein  $R_{12}$ ,  $R_{13}$ ,  $R_{14}$ ,  $R_{15}$ ,  $R_{16}$ ,  $R_{17}$ ,  $R_{26}$ ,  $R_{27}$ ,  $R_{28}$  and  $R_{31}$  each represents hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_3$  nonadjacent alkyl; wherein the dashed line represents a carbon carbon single bond or a carbon carbon double bond; wherein  $s$  is an integer of from 0 up to 10;  $t$  is an integer of from 0 up to 10; wherein the sum of  $s$  and  $t$  is an integer of from 0 up to 10 defined according to the inequalities:  $0 \leq s + t \leq 10$ ;  $0 \leq s \leq 10$ ; and  $0 \leq t \leq 10$ ; and wherein  $v$  1 or 2.

### 25 CLAIM 5.

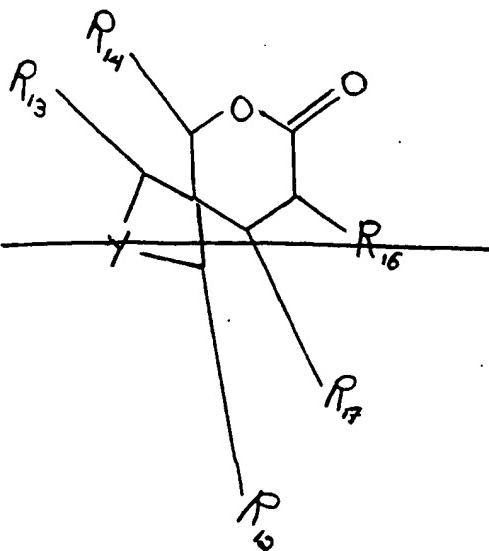
(currently amended) A perfumed polymer comprising a microporous polymer and contained in the interstices thereof an aroma augmenting, enhancing or imparting quantity and concentration of a bicyclic lactone having a structure selected from the group consisting of:

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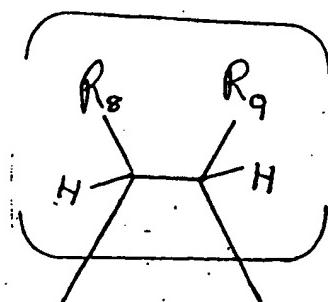
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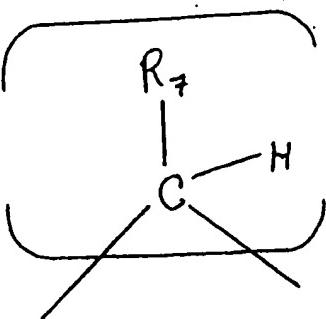
wherein Z is a moiety selected from the group consisting of:

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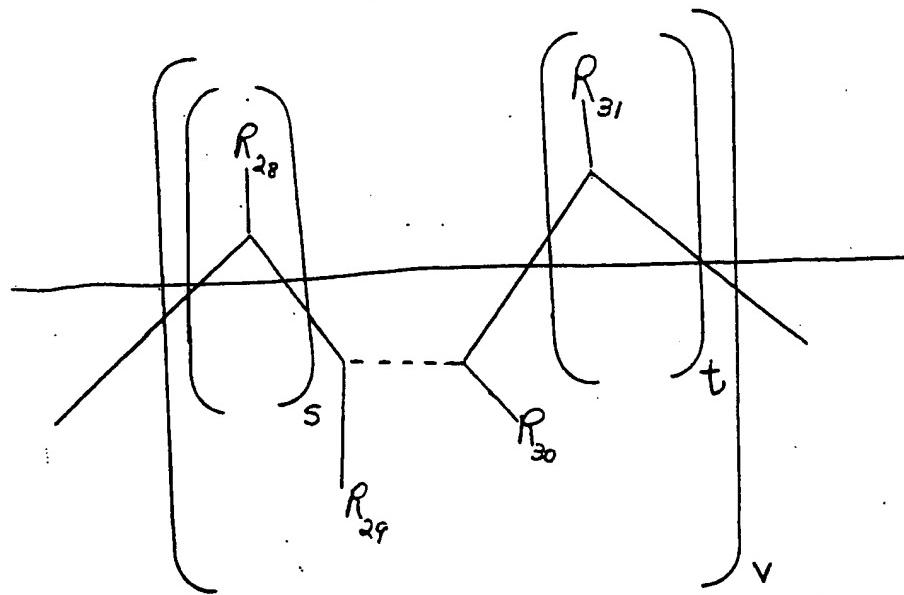
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and wherein one of R<sub>1</sub> or R<sub>3</sub> is methyl and the other is hydrogen; wherein R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> are hydrogen or nonadjacent C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl; wherein Y is C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> substituted or unsubstituted alkylidene, alkenylidene or alkadienylidene having the structure:

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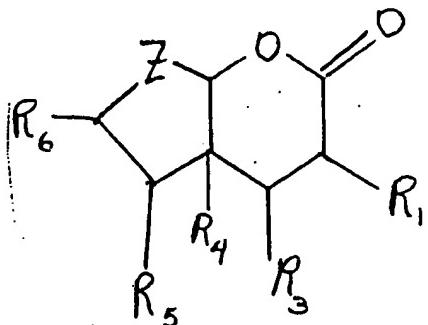
and completes a C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> cycloalkyl, cycloalkadienyl or cycloalkenyl ring moiety; wherein R<sub>12</sub>, R<sub>13</sub>, R<sub>14</sub>, R<sub>16</sub>, R<sub>17</sub>, R<sub>28</sub>, R<sub>29</sub>, R<sub>30</sub> and R<sub>31</sub> each represents hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> nonadjacent alkyl; wherein the dashed line represents a carbon-carbon single bond or a carbon-carbon double bond; wherein s is an integer of from 0 up to 10, t is an integer of from 0 up to 10, wherein the sum of s and t is an integer of from 0 up to 10 defined according to the inequalities: 0 ≤ s + t ≤ 10; 0 ≤ s ≤ 10, and 0 ≤ t ≤ 10; and wherein v 1 or 2.

**Claim 10.**

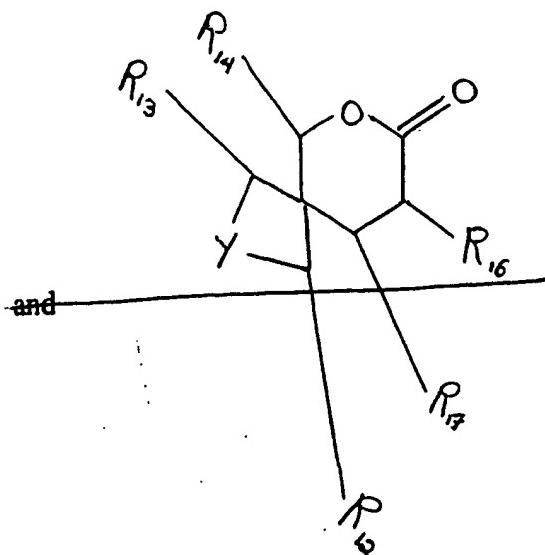
(currently amended) A perfume composition comprising a perfume base and intimately admixed therewith an aroma augmenting, enhancing or imparting quantity of a bicyclic lactone having a structure selected from the group consisting of:

25 ~~the following~~

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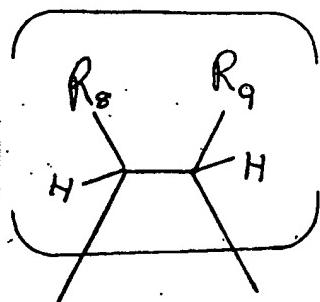


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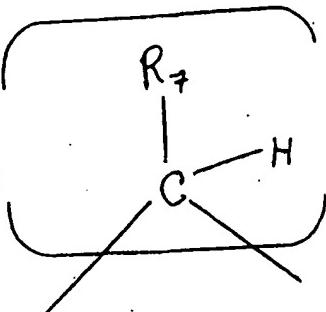


wherein Z is a moiety selected from the group consisting of:

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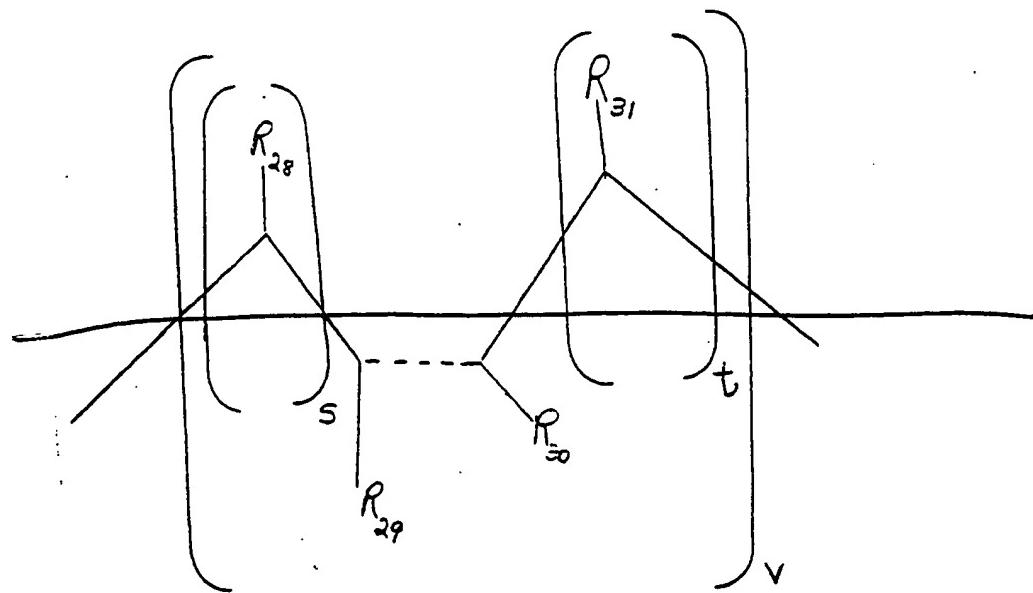


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and wherein one of R1 or R3 is methyl and the other is hydrogen; wherein R4, R5, R6, R7, R8 and R9 are hydrogen or nonadjacent C1-C3 alkyl, wherein Y is C2-C12 substituted or unsubstituted allylidene, alkenyldiene or alkadienyldiene having the structure.

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5 and completes a  $C_5-C_{15}$  cycloalkyl, cycloalkadienyl or cycloalkenyl ring moiety, wherein  
R<sub>12</sub>, R<sub>13</sub>, R<sub>14</sub>, R<sub>16</sub>, R<sub>17</sub>, R<sub>28</sub>, R<sub>29</sub>, R<sub>30</sub> and R<sub>31</sub> each represents hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>  
nonadjacent alkyl; wherein the dashed line represents a carbon-carbon single bond or a  
carbon-carbon double bond; wherein s is an integer of from 0 up to 10; t is an integer of  
from 0 up to 10; wherein the sum of s and t is an integer of from 0 up to 10 defined  
20 according to the inequalities:  $0 \leq s + t \leq 10$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq 10$ ; and  $0 \leq t \leq 10$ ; and  
wherein v 1 or 2.

**Claim 7.**

(previously presented) The process of Claim 1 wherein the consumable material is a detergent composition or a fabric softener composition.

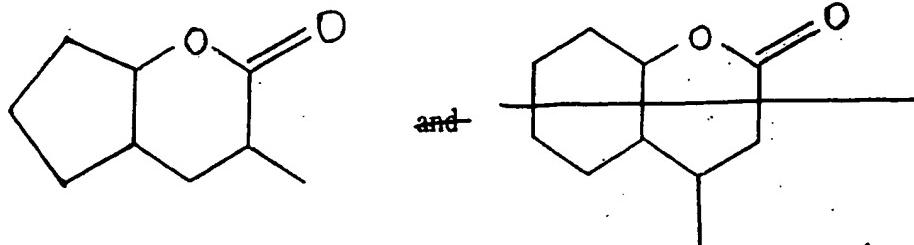
**Claim 25 8.**

(previously presented) The process of Claim 2 wherein the consumable material is a detergent composition or a fabric softener composition.

Claim 9,  
(canceled).

Claim 10.  
(currently amended) A bicyclic lactone having <sup>the following</sup> ~~a structure selected from the group consisting of:~~

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Claim 11.  
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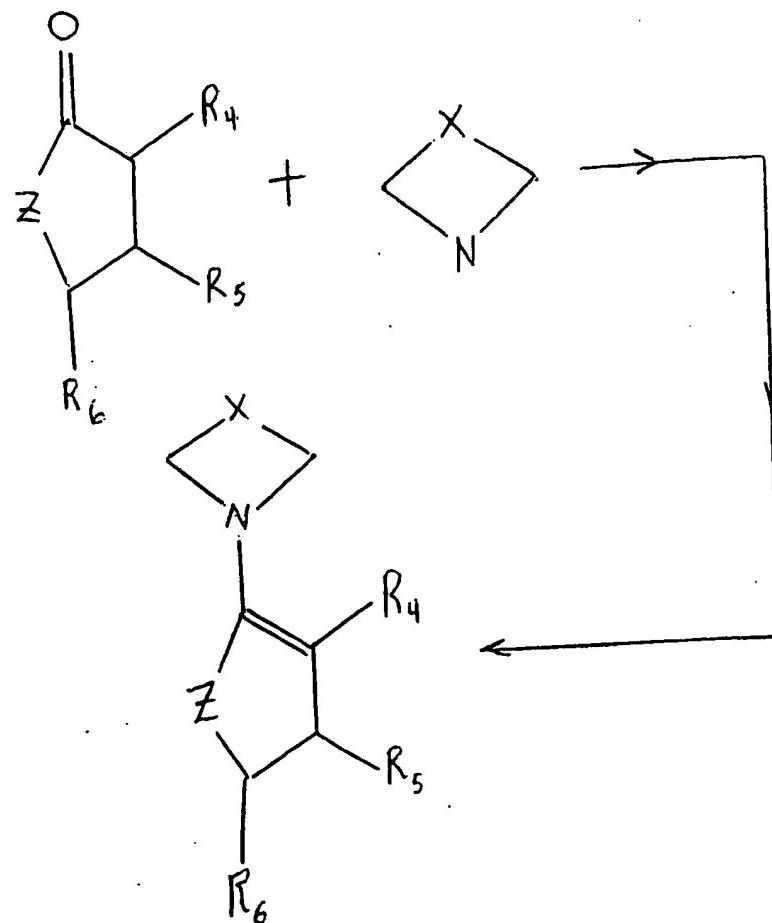
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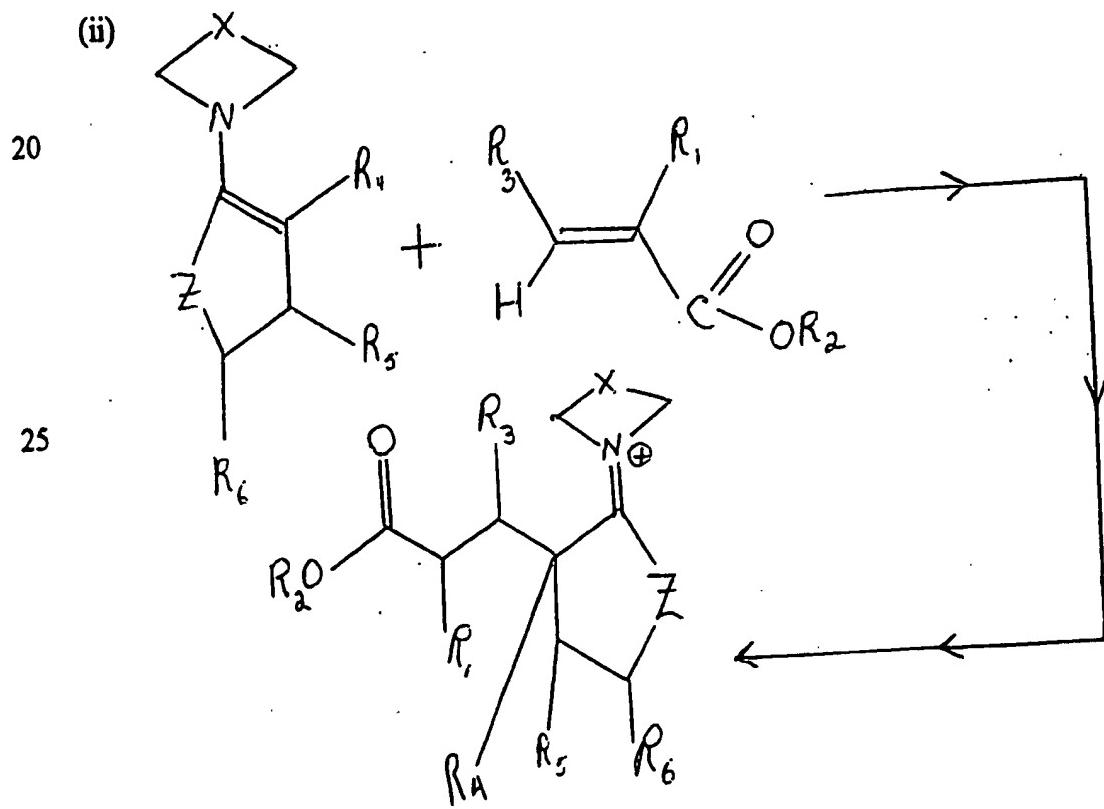
**Claim 13.**

(previously presented) A process for the preparation of a bicyclic lactone comprising the steps of carrying out the reaction sequence in order:

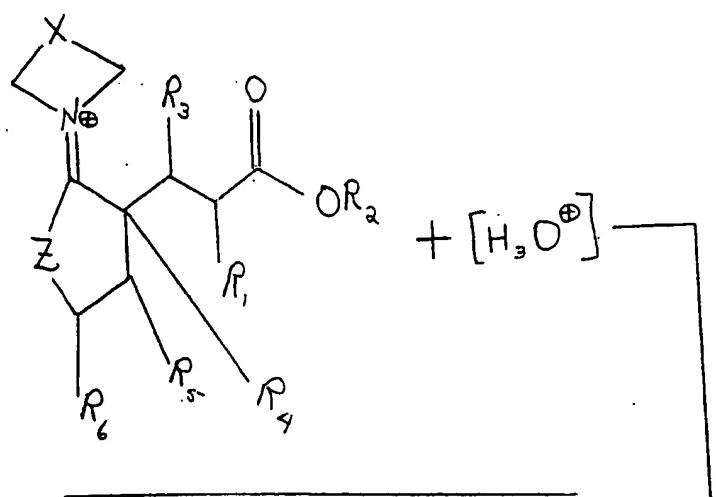
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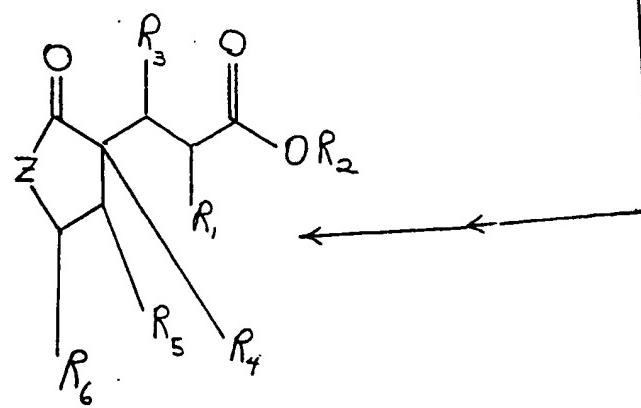
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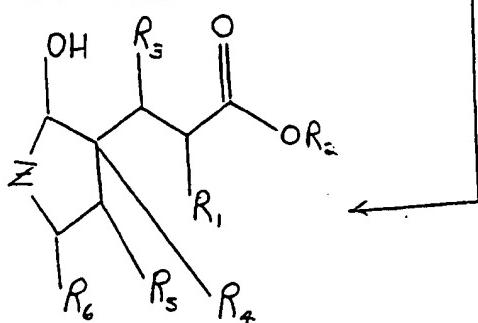
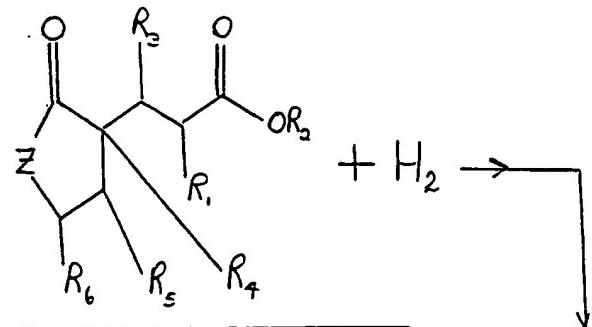


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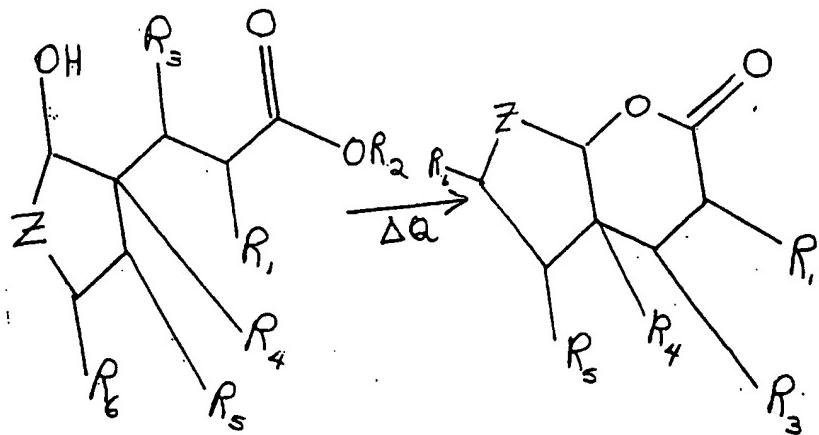
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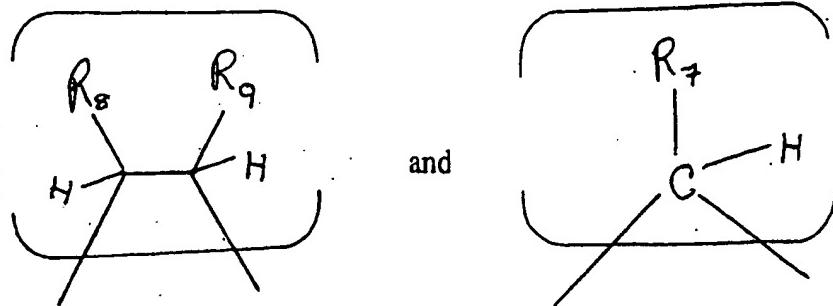
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and isolating the resulting bicyclic lactone wherein Z is a moiety selected from the group consisting of:

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and wherein one of R1 or R3 is methyl and the other is hydrogen; wherein R4, R5, R6, R7, R8 and R9 are hydrogen or nonadjacent C1-C3 alkyl; and wherein R2 represents C1-C4 alkyl.

Claim 14.  
(canceled)